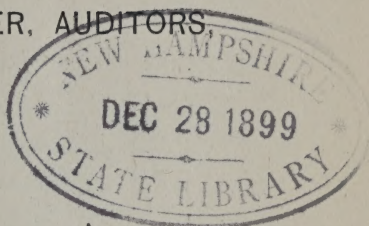


ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND THE



Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF EPSOM,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

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FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Remaining in hands of treasurer,	\$958.51
Am't committed to Geo. Sanders, jr., for collection,	7,088.50
Received of State Treasurer, insurance tax,	4.50
“ railroad tax,	109.63
“ savings bank tax,	709.41
“ literary fund,	95.89
Received of Ann M. Brackett, highway tax of 1880,	4.23
Jeremiah Burnham, poll tax for 1881,	1.95
Calvin Dolbeer, old bridge plank,	1.50
Warren Tripp, “	2.00

Received of County Commissioners :

Supplies for Eliza A. Cotton,	52.00
William C. Bennett,	99.95
Josiah Howe,	36.25
Sarah Mason,	159.27
Rebecca Moody,	50.55
Osum Dowst,	68.01
Anna Foss' child,	19.00
Received of George Sanders, jr., interest on taxes,	14.89
Received by note,	11,627.00

\$21,103.03

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Charles Garland, damage to team,	\$3.00
John C. Hall, school house tax, Dist. No. 1,	340.00
Robert C. Brown, school house tax, Dist. No. 7,	75.00

\$418.00

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1,	Jackson C. Philbrick,	\$191.11
"	2, Lowell Eastman,	103.36
"	3, James H. Tripp,	58.44
"	4, Samuel R. Yeaton,	176.76
"	5, Henry C. Ames,	52.14
"	6, Edwin C. Emerson, Union,	46.09
"	7, Trueworthy F. Kelley,	87.62
"	8, William Fowler,	40.72
"	9, John S. Green,	95.00
"	10, Zachariah Leighton,	52.45
"	11, Samuel W. Langmaid, Union,	35.70
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		\$939.39

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid William T. Sanders, labor on turnpike,	\$1.50
H. F. Sanborn,	" 3.00
C. O. Brown,	" 1.50
H. E. Doety,	" 3.00
J. O. Fisk,	" 1.50
Samuel Stanley,	" 8.25
Joseph P. Locke,	" 9.75
E. Batchelder,	" 1.50
G. W. Batchelder,	" 14.00
Daniel Philbrick,	" 11.00
D. M. Philbrick, labor on turn. and northeast road,	19.50
A. L. Yeaton,—	" 22.75
R. C. Brown,	" 14.10
T. F. Kelley,	" 9.50
James Yeaton, labor on turnpike and other roads,	22.75
Samuel Quimby, labor on turnpike and bridge,	14.25
G. W. Ham, labor on highway and bridge,	6.75
D. Buzzell, labor on highway,	1.75
Josiah Langley,	" 1.00
B. B. Yeaton,	" 3.00
C. W. Doe,	" .50
M. D. Bickford, 363 ft. bridge plank,	5.06
Samuel Martin, 2726 ft. bridge plank,	32.71

Paid Horace Bickford, 4417 ft. bridge plank,	\$61.83
Warren Tripp, snowing bridge,	3.00
James Yeaton, labor on highway,	1.50
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	\$274.95

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Daniel Yeaton,	\$12.09
T. B. Robinson,	16.09
Joseph Lawrence, jr.,	4.00
Alvah L. Yeaton,	4.35
B. B. Yeaton,	24.05
George W. Batchelder,	10.00
James Yeaton,	10.82
David M. Philbrick,	40.00
Anson B. Cass,	14.12
Calvin Dowst,	4.70
Joseph P. Locke,	3.45
True F. Kelley,	9.55
Geo. W. Ham,	3.00
Cyrus Marden,	7.92
William H. Straw,	5.00
Albion Locke,	4.02
William Brown, 2d,	16.80
William P. Babb,	10.50
Frank D. Holt,	3.29
Daniel Watson,	16.00
J. H. Nute,	1.20
Alonzo Wallace,	6.80
Charles Ames,	2.30
S. G. Mills,	2.40
Samuel T. Page,	7.15
Amos P. Barton,	4.15
Elbridge G. Batchelder,	1.50
Geo. S. Bixby,	.75
Warren Tripp,	16.50
Joseph B. Cass,	2.75
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	\$265.25

TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Samuel Martin and J. H. Dolbeer, auditors, '81,	\$3.00
Dem. Pub. Co., printing town and school report,	25.00
Express on town and school report,	.50
J. B. Tennant, blank books and stationery,	5.50
Bounty on 10 hawks and 2 crows,	2.20
J. B. Tennant, for 52 lbs. spikes,	2.08
Edson C. Eastman, for collector's book,	1.35
D. L. Guernsey, 1 blank note book,	2.25
B. W. Sanborn, for warrants and check list,	1.00
Edward Langmaid, for perambulating line between Epsom and Chichester,	1.00
George Stevens, for perambulating line between Epsom and Deerfield,	1.50
William Goss, public watering place,	3.00
Stephen F. Brown, "	3.00
A. C. Locke, "	3.00
C. W. Tarlton, services as S. S. committee for the year 1880,	15.00
C. W. Tarlton, 3d reader furnished M. Libby's boy,	.70
C. O. Brown, services as S. S. committee for 1880,	15.00
" school books furnished indigent pupils,	.92
" making statistical school report to Supt. of Public Instruction,	2.00
Henry F. Sanborn, services in pauper cases and town business,	11.05
H. S. Knowles, furnishing dinners for selectmen, supervisors, collectors and auditors, and their horses, from Feb. 23, 1881, to Feb. 24, 1882,	29.25
H. S. Knowles, express and postage,	.73
" recording births and deaths,	6.50
" powder and fuse,	1.46
A. H. French, M. D., 14 certificates of births and deaths,	3.50
Cyrus O. Brown, painting blackboards,	2.50
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	\$142.99

EXTRA CHARGES.

Paid Clarence E. Knight, verdict and cost in case of Clarence E. Knight <i>vs.</i> Town of Epsom,	\$2,933.63
T. J. Smith, attorney, services in suit of Knight and Huntress <i>vs.</i> Town of Epsom,	363.60
William L. Foster, attorney, services in suit of Knight and Huntress <i>vs.</i> Town of Epsom,	300.00
J. Y. Mugridge, attorney, services in suit of Knight and Huntress <i>vs.</i> Town of Epsom,	125.00
M. C. Lathrop, M. D., as expert in Knight case,	40.00
L. G. Hill, “	40.00
J. B. Flanders, as expert in Huntress case,	3.00
Stephen Webster, “	3.00
Nehemiah Randall, for carrying jury from Do- ver to Epsom, to view the road where Knight and Huntress accident occurred,	25.00
C. H. Norton & Son, for carrying jury from Concord to Epsom, to view the road where Knight and Huntress accident occurred, and team to Northwood,	15.00
A. T. Pierce, for board of witnesses and their horses at Dover,	152.03
J. S. Dutton, for board of witnesses and their horses at Concord,	50.55
Darius Philbrick, use of teams in Huntress case,	9.75
J. W. Hartford, for 13 dinners for jury and sheriff at hotel in Northwood,	6.50
H. S. Knowles, dinners furnished in Knight case,	2.00
Henry F. Sanborn, for time and money paid out in suits of Knight and Huntress,	113.47
Samuel Martin, services in law suits,	90.11
“ cash paid witnesses, lawyer, and for use of teams,	67.10
James W. Fowler, for time and money paid out in suits of Knight and Huntress,	32.50
C. O. Foss, 4 days' attendance with plan in court at Dover,	26.60
33 witnesses in Knight and Huntress suits,	421.01
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	\$4,819.85

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid Joseph Lawrence,	\$7.10
Lucian Heath,	8.67
Frank A. Bickford,	11.84
Samuel Martin,	2.37
Nathan Griffin,	6.31
William T. Sanders,	9.46
George H. Rand,	4.73
James C. Yeaton,	2.37
Samuel Fowler,	3.15
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	\$56.00

POOR ORDERS.

Paid H. O. Cass, for board of J. S. Cass at N. H.	
Asylum,	\$127.31
J. S. Hoyt, for board of Betsey C. Goss,	107.00
Abby J. Haynes, for board of Eliza A. Cotton,	52.00
Zachariah Leighton, wood furnished Sarah Mason,	2.00
Morrill D. Bickford,	5.00
Freeman Marden,	4.50
J. W. Fowler,	4.00
Silver & Robinson, goods delivered W. C. Bennett,	78.00
“ “ Sarah Mason,	143.77
“ “ Josiah Howe,	26.50
“ “ S. Batchelder,	58.85
H. S. Knowles,	71.00
J. C. Hall & Son,	Osum Dowst, 28.86
A. H. French, M. D., medical charges for	
Rebecca Moody,	32.90
Josiah Howe,	9.75
Osum Dowst family,	39.15
William C. Bennett,	21.95
H. A. Tuttle, 1 pair of pants for Mr. Hildreth,	1 37
L. Bunker, coffin and robe for Rebecca Moody,	8.00
James Yeaton, supplies for Samuel Batchelder,	4.70
Mrs. J. Emerson, care and assistance in burial	
of Rebecca Moody,	2.65
Mrs. Osum Dowst, for washing at Rebecca Moody's,	1.50

Paid Jeremiah Sanborn, for board of Anna Foss' child, 19 weeks,	\$19.00
N. A. Avery, assistance in burial of Rebecca Moody,	2.00
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	\$851.76

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Henry S. Knowles, services as town clerk,	\$15.00
David M. Knowles, " supervisor,	3.50
Jackson C. Philbrick, " treasurer,	30.00
Samuel Quimby, " selectman,	32.62
James Yeaton, " "	47.24
James W. Fowler, " "	59.37
Robert C. Brown, " " 1880,	3.75
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	\$191.48

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Joseph Lawrence, overtaxed, 1880,	\$7.93
Jonathan M. Varney, " "	1.42
Isaiah Lane, " 1881,	1.00
Albert C. Johnson, poll tax paid in Boston,	1.95
Charles W. Leighton, " Northwood,	1.95
Charles A. Eastman, " Derry,	1.95
Joseph F. Bickford, " Lowell,	1.95
John Brown, exempted by age,	1.95
John Griffin,	1.56
Hiram C. Worth, dead dog,	1.00
George C. Knowles, " "	1.00
Horace Bickford, " "	1.00
Jonathan M. Varney, " "	1.00
Henry O. Cass, " "	1.00
Oliver Brown, " "	1.00
Charles H. Hall, " "	1.00
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	\$28.66

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State tax,	\$964.00
County tax,	1,084.50
School orders,	939.39
Highways and bridges,	274.95
Breaking roads,	265.25
Incidental expenses,	418.00
Town charges,	142.99
Extra charges,	4,819.85
Sheep bills,	56.00
Poor orders,	851.76
Town officers,	191.48
Notes and interest,	9,824.73
Abatement of taxes,	28.66
Non-resident highway worked out,	16.21
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Amount of expenditures, 1881,	\$19,877.77
Paid outstanding orders of 1880,	\$251.47
Amount of receipts,	\$21,103.03
Amount of receipts above expenditures,	\$973.79
Remaining in hands of collector,	\$500.00
Remaining in hands of treasurer,	473.79
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	\$973.79

JAMES W. FOWLER, } *Selectmen*
 JAMES YEATON, } *of*
 SAMUEL QUIMBY, } *Epsom.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of—	
Daniel G. Chesley, treasurer for 1880,	\$958.51
George Sanders, jr., collector, 1881,	6,588.50
George Sanders, as interest on taxes,	14.89
Selectmen, money hired,	11,627.00
Old bridge plank,	3.50
Ann M. Brackett, highway tax, 1880,	4.23
Jeremiah Burnham, poll tax,	1.95
State treasurer, insurance tax,	4.50
“ railroad tax,	109.62
“ savings bank tax,	709.41
“ literary fund,	95.89
County, for support of paupers,	485.03
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	\$20,603.03

EXPENDITURES.

Paid outstanding orders of the selectmen, on the treasurer, 1880,	\$251.47
Paid 220 orders, 1881,	19,877.77
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	\$20,129.24
Amount of receipts of treasurer,	\$20,603.03
Expenditures,	20,129.24
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Remaining in the treasury,	\$473.79

JACKSON C. PHILBRICK,
Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT, MARCH 1, 1882.

Amount of receipts reported by the treasurer,	\$20,603.03
Amount of expenditures,	20,129.24
Cash in treasury,	<u>\$473.79</u>
Indebtedness by note, March 1, 1882,	\$18,092.44
Due Geo. Sanders, jr., for collecting taxes,	80.00
Liability of town, March 1, 1882,	<u>\$18,172.44</u>
Due from Geo. Sanders, jr., taxes,	\$500.00
In treasurer's hands,	473.79
Actual indebtedness,	\$17,198.65
Increase of debt since March 1, 1881,	\$2,297.76

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Epsom, for the year ending March 1, 1882, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. DOLBEER, }
SAMUEL MARTIN, } *Auditors.*

Epsom, March 1, 1882.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The Superintending School Committee of Epsom, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March, 1882:

GENERAL STATEMENTS.

1. *The number and length of schools.* The number of terms of school (exclusive of those in the Union Districts) kept during the year is 19. The whole length of schools for the year, 158 weeks; the average length of school to each district, 17 5-9 weeks.

2. *Different scholars and average attendance.* The total number of different scholars attending school during the year, exclusive of those who attended in the Union Districts, is 212, viz: Boys, 108; girls, 104; average attendance, 152.5.

3. *Money expended.* The amount of money raised by the town for school purposes was \$843.50; amount of literary fund, \$95.89; an average of \$4.05 for each scholar.

4. *Branches studied.* Nearly all of our pupils have studied reading and spelling; 137 have studied penmanship; 170 arithmetic; 96 geography; 70 grammar; 1 book-keeping; 12 algebra; 1 surveying; 3 history; 2 physiology; 4 philosophy. Manson's Writing Spellers have been used in all of our schools, and greater interest has been manifested in writing and spelling than usual.

PARTICULAR REMARKS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Amount of school money, \$191.11. Jackson C. Philbrick, prudential committee.

Summer term.—Miss Adelaide Veasey, of Deerfield, teacher. Wages per month, \$25; length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 23. Miss Veasey justly ranks among our best teachers, and the district is fortunate that secures her services. Every branch was taught in a thorough and skillful manner.

Winter term.—D. G. Chesley, teacher. Wages per month, \$35.70; length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 28. The teacher endeavored to teach his pupils to do right because it is right, and to love learning for the benefit it will do them in after life. He will ever regard this, his eighth term in No. 1, as one of the most pleasant in his experience.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Amount of school money, \$103.36. Lowell Eastman, committee. Miss Mina H. Quimby, of Concord, teacher of both terms. Wages per month: summer term, \$25; winter term, \$32; length of school: summer, 6 weeks; winter, 8 weeks; number of scholars: summer, 32; winter, 40; average attendance: summer, 26; winter, 35. Your committee would speak in the highest terms of the management of this, the largest school in town, the past year. Miss Quimby is a thorough scholar, and she made persevering efforts to have a model school, with good success. In her government, she was decided and resolute, consequently the best of order prevailed, and good improvement was made in all the branches taught. Both examinations were witnessed by a large number of parents and friends. At the close of each term, the teacher was the recipient of a present from her pupils, which indicates the esteem in which she is held by them.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Amount of school money, \$58.44. James H. Tripp, committee. Miss Luella J. Cilley, teacher both terms. Wages per month: summer term, \$15; winter term, \$18.67; length of school: summer, 8 weeks; winter, 6 weeks; number of scholars: summer, 15; winter, 14; average attendance: summer, 12; winter, 10. Mutual love and good will seemed to exist between teacher and pupils. Good improvement was made, especially in reading. Singing was an interesting and profitable exercise. The teacher merits the gratitude of the district for her earnest efforts in behalf of the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Amount of school money, \$176.76. Samuel R. Yeaton, committee. Miss Eliza J. Wallace, taught the first two terms.

Wages per month: summer term, \$25; fall term, \$24; length of school: summer, 7 3-5 weeks; fall, 7 weeks; number of scholars: summer, 28; fall, 26; average attendance: summer, 25; fall, 22. Miss Wallace is a very efficient teacher, and her large experience enables her to produce the most satisfactory results. The examination at the close of the summer term gave evidence that scholars had been thorough in their studies. Your committee received notice of the close of the fall term too late to be present at the close.

Winter term.—Miss Mary J. Caverly, of Barrington, teacher. Wages per month, \$28; length of school, 10 2-5 weeks; number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 26. There was a good degree of interest on the part of nearly all the scholars in their work, and fair improvement made. A public exhibition was given the week after the school closed, which is spoken of by those in attendance in terms of commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Amount of school money, \$52.14. Henry C. Ames, committee. Miss Edith L. Towle, of Deerfield, taught both terms. Wages per month, \$20 each term. Length of each term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 8 each term; average attendance: summer term, 7 4-15; fall term, 6 23-30. This was Miss Towle's first experience in teaching, and no doubt she made some mistakes the first term. But she is a good scholar, and her method in the school-room is well calculated to bring out the best efforts of the pupil, and she was successful in winning the respect of every member of the school.

The voters of this district owe it to themselves, and to the scholars that belong to it, to vote money to tear down the present school-house, and build another more in keeping with the advanced ideas on education, which prevail at the present time.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—UNION.

Amount of school money, \$46.09. Aggregate length of school for the year, 22 weeks; number of Epsom scholars, 10; average attendance, 8. For further particulars see Pittsfield report.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Amount of school money, \$87.62. Trueworthy F. Kelley, prudential committee. Miss Arabella Chesley, teacher of both terms. Wages per month: summer term, \$18.60; winter term, \$20; length of school: summer term, 7 weeks; winter term, 13 weeks; number of scholars: summer, 24; winter, 18; average attendance: summer, 18; winter, 15. Miss Chesley fully sustained her former reputation as a thorough and systematic teacher. All the classes made good improvement, but the advanced classes in written arithmetic are worthy of special mention.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Amount of school money, \$40.72. William Fowler, prudential committee. Miss Mary A. Seavey, taught both terms. Length of school: summer term, 8 weeks; winter term, 11 weeks; number of scholars: summer term, 10; winter term, 13; average attendance: summer, 9; winter, 11. The teacher remarks: "The parents of this district manifest a great deal of interest in the school, and seem ready to sustain the efforts of the teacher. The pupils, influenced by the parents' feelings, regard the teacher's word as law, and are ever mindful of her wishes. To good behavior, is added good scholarship, and under these circumstances the teacher's lot is a happy one."

Miss Lizzie J. Fowler completed a work on Physiology in a very thorough manner, and Miss Vesta G. Fowler, finished Philosophy, Algebra, Arithmetic and Geography, and passed satisfactory examinations in these branches. Two little girls, aged four years, made remarkable improvement in reading and spelling.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Amount of school money, \$95. John S. Greene, prudential committee.

Summer term.—Miss Annie M. Greene, teacher. Wages per month, \$18; length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10.

Winter term.—Miss Adelaide Veasey, teacher. Wages per month, \$22; length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 15. Both of these teachers were of

the right stamp, and by their persevering and efficient labors, won for themselves much praise from all concerned, and fully maintained the good reputation of this school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Amount of school money, \$52.95. Zachariah Leighton, prudential committee.

Summer term.—Miss Sadie E. Carpenter, of Chichester, teacher. Wages per month, \$14; length of school, 5 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8 1-2. Miss Carpenter labored hard for the welfare of the school, but with too little success. Entire harmony did not prevail in the neighborhood in regard to school matters, which caused more or less friction in the school-room. Had the teacher received the co-operation of all the parents, it would have been much better for the school.

Winter term.—Miss Sarah N. Wallace, teacher. Wages per month, \$16.15; length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14. Miss Wallace is a good scholar and a faithful teacher. The school made good improvement, and appeared well when visited. It is complimentary to Miss Wallace, that worthy scholars from District No. 4, attended her school when their own was in session.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—UNION.

Amount of school money, \$35.70. This school is under the supervision of the committee of Chichester.

From the foregoing brief statement, it will be seen that in my opinion, our schools have been as a whole, very successful during the past year. In nearly all of our schools, experienced teachers of known abilities were employed. In six of the nine full districts, the teachers of the first terms were retained for the second terms. This is commended in view of the fact that the better acquainted a teacher is with his pupils, the better qualified is he to impart instruction to them.

On the completion of my first visit of inspection of the summer schools, I was fully convinced that a greater uniformity of text-books, particularly in Grammar, was absolutely demanded. That all may understand that a change was demand-

ed, a few facts only need be stated. In this branch of study, we were using the works of four different authors. Grammars by two or three different authors were used in nearly all of our schools. The slightest intelligence in regard to school teaching, will see at a glance the confusion and loss of time unavoidable from such a medley as this. At the commencing of the second terms, I had the opportunity presented of making the Grammar and Speller uniform throughout the town, by an even exchange of our old Grammars for W. H. Well's Shorter Course in English Grammar and Composition, and our old Spellers for Swinton's Word Book. Believing that these were works of *real merit*, I decided to *recommend* an exchange for them, and although it has cost me some labor and no little anxiety, still I feel amply repaid for my time and pains, by the unanimity in which our schools made the exchange, and the increased and lively interest it has developed in these most important branches of education.

D. GILMAN CHESLEY,

Superintending School Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.

First term.—Maurice L. Langley, Bryant T. Langley, Ansel C. Heath.

Second term.—Hollis Hall, Maurice L. Langley, Walter J. Philbrick, Bryant T. Langley.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Second term.—Walter Burnham, Moses Q. Burnham, J. Edward Eastman, Albert B. Doe, Ella M. Eastman, Francena M. Parker, Cora Rand, Mira L. Doe.

DISTRICT No. 3.

First term.—Nellie B. Dow.

Second term.—Etta I. Libbey, James T. Libbey, Walter H. Tripp.

DISTRICT No. 4.

First term.—Augusta M. Baker, Lillie M. Marden, Nettie A. Stewart, George W. Bickford, Fred. Bickford, John S. Bickford, Eddie S. Baker, Fred. C. Lear.

Second term.—Eddie S. Baker.

Third term.—George W. Bickford, John S. Bickford.

DISTRICT No. 7.

First term.—Emma M. Kelley, John C. Brown, Alfred Brown.

Second term.—Emma M. Kelley, John C. Brown, Alfred Brown, Simon Brown.

DISTRICT No. 8.

First term.—Edith S. Fowler, Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler.

Second term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler.

DISTRICT No. 9.

First term.—Alice M. Wells.

Second term.—Alice M. Wells.

DISTRICT No. 10.

First term.—Flora B. Gordon, Hattie E. Gordon, Leon S. Gordon, Charlie F. Mason, George W. Mason.

Second term.—Flora B. Gordon, Leon S. Gordon.

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